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Sign of the Lines

OR NEW YORKERS WHO find the subways unfriendly and frightening, there's a bright light at the end of the tunnel. Astrologer Debbi Kempton-Smith says the subway is a Scorpio that's

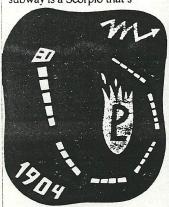
sex and death and transformation-not transportation. The planet that rules Scorpio is Pluto, god of the underworld and, of course, the lord of hell.'

The subway, she says, will be around for many moons to come and will undergo major transformations. "There will be a brand-new electrical system," she predicts.

And because the subway

was born between two and three in the afternoon, it has the sun in the Eighth House. the House of High Finance. "Many people regard the subway as a big bank," says Kempton-Smith. "Need a necklace? Just help yourself."

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sociable and loves music and food. "It was a mistake," she says, "to take hot-dog emporiums and frozen-custard stands out of the subway."

Kempton-Smith-who did an astrological chart for the Empire State Building, a Taurus, in 1982—used October 27, 1904, at exactly 2:35 p.m. and 30 seconds, as the subway's birth date. "That is when the first coin went into the first turnstile," she says. Shortly before the subway's

eighty-fourth birthday-and exactly on the full moon-Kempton-Smith prepared a computerized astrological chart of the transit system. "Entities born near a full moon," she explains, "are strong personalities, like Michael Jackson."

The author of Secrets From a Stargazer's Notebook, Kempton-Smith says the subway falls under the astrological sign that "rules

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